

**RUSHVILLE CITY UNSAFE HEARING BOARD
TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2007
5:00 P.M.**

The Unsafe Hearing Board met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Bridges called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m., with Gary Cameron and Mike Pavey answering roll call. Chris Fields arrived at 5:25 p.m. Also present was City Attorney, Julie Newhouse.

MINUTES * * * *

Minutes for July 3, 2007 were presented for approval. Cameron made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT * * * *

None.

CITIZEN CONCERNS * * * *

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS * * * *

721-725 N Morgan – The chimneys and dormers have been removed and there is a new roof on the residence. Pavey asked if the fines should be discontinued and Harmon said, "Yes". Harmon said he will inspect the inside before occupancy. Pavey made a motion to stop the fines as of July 16, 2007. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

321 West 7th – Received a release from Union County. A final order to demolish has been sent. The owner's attorney, John Worth, has sent a letter to the insurance company asking for settlement. Property issues are still unresolved at this time. Worth stated that he will be in touch with his client and keep the City informed.

602 E 11th – A legal search revealed an estate was opened in Shelby County. A copy of the order has been sent to the estate attorney. The Co-Executor has been in contact with the estate attorney to try to resolve the issues. Harmon has been in contact several times with the Co-Executor and they have been prioritizing the work that needs to be completed. They are expecting a plan and timetable on how to resolve the issues soon. Co-Executor, Jane Howard,

thanked the City for contacting her and working with her on the matter. She also apologized for the problems.

1221 N Cherry – Complaints are continuing. Last month the owner appeared and promised to clean up the property within 2 weeks. After 30 days there is almost no improvement. A fine of \$100.00 a day, as a separate violation, is now being issued. The owner has made no attempt to pay the \$225.00 existing fine, which he also promised the Board last month that he would do. Neighbors have complained of Canadian Thistle. The City has sprayed for the thistle. Watts was ordered to appear at tonight's meeting, but was not present. Harmon recommended continuing the \$100.00 a day fine until in compliance. Bridges asked about the property Watts owns on 3rd Street. Harmon said it was "deplorable". Cameron said he thought the City should go in and clean up and send Watts a bill.

Fields arrived.

There was a question as to what might be considered valuable and what might be considered trash. Pavey made a motion to table the matter and contact another attorney, since Newhouse had a conflict, to get a determination if the City went in and cleaned up the property what could be disposed of. Motion died for lack of second.

Cameron made a motion to continue the status as we are now doing, and to send Watts a letter giving him 7 days to come up with a plan and clean up the property. He said the City should go in and cut down the weeds. Fields seconded the motion. Motion carried with Pavey opposing.

Bridges said he will contact the Area Plan to check into the matter to see if this would be considered a junk yard.

137 W 2nd Street/Durbin Apartments – A structural engineering study has been completed. The study shows it is in no danger of collapsing. Harmon has met with the owner and permanent repairs are under way. The owner is making correct repairs not just patching up the problems. The owner is doing an excellent job of keeping in touch with Harmon.

NEW BUSINESS * * * *

215 West 8th Street – An order is being prepared to be sent.

828 West 8th Street – A title search has been ordered.

There was no further business to come before the Board, Pavey made a motion to adjourn. Cameron seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MAYOR

GARY M. CAMERON, MEMBER

CHRISTOPHER S. FIELDS, MEMBER

MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER